

Amendments to the Claims

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for activating a desired communication mode of an ID communication partner device ~~(2, 2')~~ from a group of possible communication modes, which group comprises at least a first mode and a second mode,

wherein the ID communication partner device ~~(2, 2')~~ and at least one other ID communication partner device ~~(4)~~ are brought into a communication connection and

wherein a carrier signal ~~(CS)~~ is output by the at least one other ID communication partner device ~~(4, 2')~~, which carrier signal ~~(CS)~~ is received by the ID communication partner device ~~(2, 2')~~; and

wherein the carrier signal ~~(CS)~~ is repeatedly designated by at least one mode activation signal ~~(AS)~~ by means of the at least one other ID communication partner device ~~(4)~~, and

wherein the presence of the mode activation signal ~~(AS)~~ is recognized by the ID communication partner device ~~(2, 2')~~, giving a recognition result signal ~~(RRS)~~, and

wherein, as a function of the recognition result signal ~~(RRS)~~, the desired communication mode of the ID communication partner device ~~(2, 2')~~ is activated.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein either a TTF mode or an RTF mode is activated in the ID communication partner device ~~(2, 2')~~.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method as claimed in ~~Claim 1 or 2~~Claim 1, wherein the at least one mode activation signal ~~(AS)~~ is formed by at least one sinusoidal signal and the carrier signal ~~(CS)~~ is designated by a modulation using the at least one sinusoidal signal.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method as claimed in Claim 3, wherein the mode activation signal (~~AS~~) is recognized by a demodulation by means of correlation.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method as claimed in Claim 3, wherein the mode activation signal (~~AS~~) is recognized by filtering out this signal.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method as claimed in ~~Claim 1 or 2~~ Claim 1, wherein the carrier signal (~~CS~~) is designated only at predefined time intervals.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method as claimed in ~~Claim 1 or 2~~ Claim 1, wherein a recognition of the communication status is carried out and wherein the repeated designation of the carrier signal (~~CS~~) by the mode activation signal (~~AS~~) is carried out as a function of the communication status.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An integrated circuit for an ID communication partner device (~~4~~) designed as a communication station, which integrated circuit comprises the following means:

output means (~~6~~) for outputting a carrier signal (~~CS~~), which carrier signal (~~CS~~) can be received by an ID communication partner device (~~2, 2'~~), and

generation means (~~29~~) for generating at least one mode activation signal (~~AS~~), and

designation means (~~7~~), by means of which the carrier signal (~~CS~~) can be repeatedly designated by the at least one mode activation signal (~~AS~~).

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An integrated circuit as claimed in Claim 8, wherein the generation means (~~29~~) are designed to form the at least one mode activation signal (~~AS~~) by means of at least one sinusoidal signal, and wherein the designation means (~~7~~) are designed to designate the carrier signal (~~CS~~) with the at least one sinusoidal signal by means of a modulation.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An integrated circuit as claimed in ~~Claim 8~~
~~or 9~~Claim 8, wherein the designation means (7)-are designed to designate the carrier
signal (CS)-only at predefined time intervals.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An integrated circuit as claimed in Claim 8,
wherein communication status recognition means (13)-are also
provided, by means of which a communication status of the ID communication
partner device (4)-can be recognized, and
wherein the designation means (7)-are designed to repeatedly designate
the carrier signal (CS)-by the mode activation signal (AS)-as a function of the
communication status.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An ID communication partner device-(4),
which is designed as a communication station and which is provided with an
integrated circuit as claimed in ~~any of Claims 8 to 11~~Claim 8.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An integrated circuit (3)-for an ID
communication partner device (2, 2')-designed as a data carrier, which integrated
circuit (3)-comprises the following means:

activation means (28)-for activating a desired communication mode of
the ID communication partner device (2, 2')-from a group of possible communication
modes and

storage means (25)-for storing mode control data of the group of
possible communication modes, which group comprises at least a first mode (26)-and
a second mode-(27), and

reception means (16)-for receiving a carrier signal (CS)-that is output
by an ID communication partner device (4, 2')-and is designated with a mode
activation signal-(AS), and

recognition means (24)-for recognizing the presence of the at least one
mode activation signal-(AS), by means of which recognition means (24)-a recognition
result signal (RRS)-can be generated, as a function of which recognition result signal
(RRS)-the activation of the desired communication mode of the ID communication
partner device (2, 2')-can be activated by the activation means-(28).

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An integrated circuit ~~(3)~~ as claimed in Claim 13, wherein the recognition means ~~(24)~~ are designed to carry out the recognition of the presence of the at least one mode activation signal ~~(AS)~~ by a demodulation by means of correlation.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An integrated circuit ~~(3)~~ as claimed in Claim 13, wherein the recognition means ~~(24)~~ are designed to recognize the presence of the at least one mode activation signal ~~(AS)~~ by filtering out this signal.

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An ID communication partner device ~~(2, 2')~~, which is designed as a data carrier and which is provided with an integrated circuit ~~(3)~~ as claimed in any of
~~Claims 13 to 15.~~ Claim 13